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the functions of the agencies, but separating out the banking functions so that we are getting the money into the bank as soon as possible. There is also an issue with the current State Treasurer. There are people who have opinions about her. She is a strong person. She shares her views about...with anyone who will listen, and she's quite intense and...but I think that this is about policy. It is bigger than a particular person and I have absolute confidence in...from my observations of what we've done with the centralizing of child support, that we can do this and we can do this well. I have passed around something from the West Virginia governmental newsletter about their lockbox system, which is exactly what we're proposing doing in LB 117. There are a number of other states that are using a similar process: Ohio, Wisconsin, California, Louisiana, Alabama, New York, New Jersey, Georgia, New Mexico, Virginia, Texas, Massachusetts, and Indiana. All of these states have some centralization of their processes. The U.S. State Department processes all their passports and related work with technology similar to what we're proposing in this bill, and the Department of Air Force scans and preserves all of their classified military documents utilizing this technology. Our state disbursement unit for child support costs one-fifth of what most other states cost for the processing of each check. We are the only state that...there may be one other that is almost completely a state concern. Most privatize this function and we are doing it within our state. This last year...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...this last year, Nebraska recaptured \$600,000 in General Funds for the last fiscal year, which meant that there was a match of \$1.2 million in federal funds because our processing costs were so low compared to other states, and were so low compared to our initial projections that we were able to recapture \$600,000 and then we lost the \$1.2 million in the federal match. This...a similar technology would be used for the centralized receipting and deposit system, and it is similar to what our state has received national awards for using the most advanced technology in child support collection in the country. As we look at addressing our budget crisis, we will need to put in a great deal of effort and thought.